

**NEBRASKA INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION**

Thursday, March 8, 2018 10:00 a.m.  
Varner Hall - Board Room 3835 Holdrege Street  
Lincoln, Nebraska

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ed Toner, Chief Information Officer, Chair  
Senator Bruce Bostelman, Nebraska Legislature  
Dr. Terry Haack, Bennington Public Schools  
Dorest Harvey, US Strategic Command/J84  
Randy Meininger, City of Scottsbluff  
Dan Spray, Precision Technologies, Inc.  
Walter Weir, University of Nebraska  
Shane Greckel, Greckel Farms, LLC (via conference call for participation only)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dan Shundoff, Intellicom and Gary Warren, Hamilton Telecommunications

**CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; MEETING NOTICE; AND OPEN MEETINGS ACT INFORMATION**

The Chair, Ed Toner, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Roll call was taken. Five members were present. There was not a quorum at the time of roll call. The meeting continued with informational items until Commissioner Haack's arrival.

The meeting notice was posted to the NITC website and the Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar on February 23, 2018. The agenda was posted to the NITC website on March 5, 2018. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act was posted on the south wall of the room.

Commissioner Toner pointed out the OCIO 2017 Year in Review video which was being shown on the screens. It displayed the efficiencies and savings gained through consolidation.

Chair Ed Toner recognized Commissioners Randy Meininger and Dan Shundoff for their service on the NITC and presented Commissioner Meininger with an appreciation plaque. Commissioner Shundoff was not able to attend the meeting. His plaque will be sent to him.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**REPORTS FROM THE ADVISORY COUNCILS AND TECHNICAL PANEL**

**TECHNICAL PANEL REPORT**

Kirk Langer, Chair

**Enterprise project status dashboard report**

Mr. Langer was acknowledged as the new chair of the Technical Panel. Mr. Langer provided an update on the status of the enterprise projects.

Dr. Haack and Senator Bostelman arrived. A quorum was present to proceed with official business.

Members discussed the need for additional information about the Oracle Fusion project. Commissioner Toner asked Commissioners Weir and Harvey to work with staff and the agency to get more information. If necessary, a special meeting of the Commission could be called to discuss the project.

**APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 9, 2017 MEETING MINUTES**

**Commissioner Haack moved to approve the November 9, 2017 minutes as presented. Commissioner Harvey seconded. Roll call vote: Toner-Yes, Haack-Yes, Harvey-Yes, Meininger-Yes, Spray-Yes and Weir-Yes. Results: Yes-6, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.**

**Technical Standards and Guidelines Request for Waiver 18-01; Dept. of Labor Appeal of Denial by the Technical Panel.**

Mr. Langer provide background on the Technical Panel's review of the request. The Nebraska Department of Labor (NDOL) requests a waiver from compliance with NITC 5-101: Enterprise Content Management System for State Agencies. NDOL has contracted for an information technology system provided by Geographic Solutions, Inc. (GSI) which includes multiple modules. This request is limited to the system provided by GSI. NDOL does not seek a waiver for any other program or agency function. The GSI system includes a document management program in its base system at no additional cost to the purchaser. The Technical Panel denied the waiver by a vote of 3-1.

John Albin, Commissioner of Labor, was present to discuss the request for waiver.

**Commissioner Haack moved to grant the request for waiver until January 1, 2019. Commissioner Harvey seconded. Discussion followed.**

Issues discussed included: time limiting the waiver; document sharing; security; user experience; purpose of the standard; multiple agencies with similar requests; and costs.

The Chair called for the vote on the motion.

**Roll call vote: Toner-No, Haack-Yes, Harvey-No, Meininger-No, Spray-No, and Weir-No. Results: Yes-1, No-5, Abstained-0. Motion failed.**

**EHEALTH COUNCIL REPORT**

Anne Byers

Commissioners received a written eHealth report in the meeting documents. Ms. Byers wanted to highlight the following:

**Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.** As of January 1, 2018, all dispensers are required to report all medications dispensed to the PDMP, improving patient safety as well as reducing opioid overdoses. There are 5,847 prescribers and pharmacists provisioned to access the PDMP as of February 2018. Additional enhancements have been implemented, including a Morphine Milligram Equivalent Alert. Nebraska's PDMP is receiving attention nationally, with other states looking at Nebraska's model.

Ms. Byers entertained questions from the Commission.

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT**

Anne Byers

Commissioners received a written Community Council report in the meeting documents. The Community Council met on February 28 and discussed the items included in the written report. Ms. Byers wanted to highlight the following:

**Approval of Council Membership Nomination.** The Community Council recommended Johnathan Hladik's nomination to serve on the Council. Mr. Hladik is Policy Director at the Center for Rural Affairs. His work involves analysis and advocacy at the state and federal level. Focus areas include renewable energy, farm policy, economic development, and income inequality. Mr. Hladik holds a JD and Masters of Environmental Law and Policy from Vermont Law School, and a BS in Natural Resource Economics from the University of Nebraska.

**Commissioner Weir moved to approve the Council Council's membership nomination of Johnathan Hladik to serve on the council. Commissioner Spray seconded. Roll call vote: Meininger-Yes, Spray-Yes, Weir-Yes, Toner-Yes, Haack-Yes, and Harvey-Yes. Results: Yes-6, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.**

**Nebraska Broadband Partnership.** The Nebraska Broadband Initiative was formed to implement the planning component of the PSCs' Broadband Mapping and Planning Grant from the NTIA. The partnership has continued since the end of the grant on a very part-time basis. It may be time to reenvision and re-energize the initiative by broadening the stakeholder base.

**Newsletter.** The new Broadband Nebraska newsletter will include articles about how two communities are addressing broadband development. One article highlights how Seward County has utilized public private partnerships to attract investments in broadband infrastructure. Seward County has utilized LB 840 and philanthropic funds to incentive investments in broadband infrastructure. The second article looks at Ravenna and Prairie Hills Wireless. Prairie Hills Wireless was recently recognized as Wireless Internet Service Provider (WISP) of the Year at the Wireless Internet Service Providers Association's 2017 WISPALOOZA and is providing residential broadband of up to 150 Mbps down. Community leaders in Ravenna also understand the importance of broadband and the need to effectively use new technologies. The local economic development community is using social media marketing to attract visitors and to engage members of the community. Through social media marketing, Ravenna was able to draw an estimated 20,000-30,000 people to Ravenna for the solar eclipse.

Ms. Byers pointed out links to the FCC 2018 Broadband Report as well as the Public Service Commission's 2018 Broadband Deployment Reports. She entertained questions from the Commission.

## **EDUCATION COUNCIL REPORT**

Tom Rolfes

Mr. Rolfes thanked the Commission for approving the Network Nebraska and Digital Education action items at their November 9 meeting. The Education Council recently met on February 21, and will meet again on April 25, to continue to make progress with the action items.

**Approval of Council Membership Nomination.** Mr. Rolfes presented the two nominees for pro tem membership to the Education Council. Mr. Trent Kelly from Hastings Public Schools will succeed Dr. Mike Lucas from York, representing school administrators. Mr. Bret Blackman, UNO, will succeed Mr. Mark Askren from UNL, representing the University of Nebraska. They will complete the 7/1/2017-6/30/2019 terms.

**Commissioner Haack moved to approve the Education Council's nominations of Trent Kelly and Bret Blackman. Commissioner Weir seconded. Roll call vote: Toner-Yes, Haack-Yes, Harvey-Yes, Meininger-Yes, Spray-Yes, and Weir-Yes. Results: Yes-6, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.**

**Network Nebraska and Digital Education Updates.** Mr. Rolfes provided the Network Nebraska update. RFP 5761 is being conducted by State Purchasing and it included 29 WAN Circuits to reach Network Nebraska. Intents to Award were sent to five of the eight bidders. RFP 2926-18-8116 is being conducted by UNL Purchasing to rebid statewide Internet access from Omaha, Nebraska. An Intent to Award has been sent to the lowest qualified bidder of the six companies that responded. The Internet unit price being offered is the lowest price that has ever been used by Network Nebraska, a potential decrease of 66%.

New prospective members for Network Nebraska starting 7/1/2018 include Creighton Prep High School and the Omaha Public Library. Additional briefings about Network Nebraska had been requested by Bellevue University and the Archdiocese of Omaha education office.

To help address the Digital Education Initiative's action items related to equity of access and the homework gap for rural students, the Office of the CIO has partnered with the Nebraska Library

Commission in submission of a \$25,000 grant to the Institute for Museum and Library Services. If funded by IMLS, the grant would provide microwave transmission equipment and two desktop computers to share the public school district's superfast Internet with the public library. In addition, some education partners are interested in piloting TV White Space as an information service for disconnected rural students, as well as exploring cellular hotspots for students when away from a wired Internet connection.

Mr. Rolfes shared that the Nebraska Department of Education's Future Ready Nebraska initiative contained several elements of the NITC Action Items and that the Digital Learning Plan was being developed for review by the State Board of Education in late spring or early summer. The Education Council also appreciates the collaboration that has been going on with the NITC Community Council. There were no questions or discussion following the Network Nebraska and Digital Education update.

## **GIS COUNCIL REPORT**

John Watermolen, GIS Coordinator

Commissioners received a written GIS Council report in the meeting documents. Mr. Watermolen wanted to highlight the following:

**Nebraska Statewide Imagery Program.** Statewide Imagery Program-Business Plan: Because of the costs of flying an imagery program, we are looking at some subscription/licensing models such as Google and Digital Globe along with talking to aerial imaging vendors to get their thoughts on an imagery solution. The imagery working group met in January to start the discussion of how to deal with subscription based imagery because the horizontal accuracy does not meet the standards that are set in the Imagery business plan. From that meeting, we have surveyed state agencies and Natural Resource Districts (NRDs) on what their needs are regarding imagery. The survey found that many state agencies and NRDs use the USDA-NAIP imagery that is collected every other year. The USDA-NAIP program will be flying Nebraska in 2018, but after that there is a lot of uncertainty with the program.

**Administrative and Political Boundaries.** There has been very little progress on this and emailed the co-chairs with directions on how we think we need to proceed to get back on track. The main direction is to use the parcel data as a base and make adjustments to any federal or state boundaries that are based on the parcel. Some of the boundary data sets are waiting on how PSC is going to address NG-911 data issues and what data DOT has regarding boundaries and how they are reviewed and maintained.

This effort is very important to NG911. Stewardship of the data needs to be addressed. As this effort progresses, Mr. Watermolen indicated that he maybe be asking the NITC's guidance regarding the issue of stewardship.

## **STATE GOVERNMENT COUNCIL REPORT**

Ed Toner, Chief Information Officer

**CIO Roadmap Update.** Mr. Toner provided an update on the status of the CIO Roadmap. The consolidation phase is wrapping-up. The next phase will focus on agency IT plans and architecture for critical applications.

## **APPROVAL OF STATEWIDE TECHNOLOGY PLAN**

The Commission has already approved the strategic initiatives and action items in previous meetings. This is the final draft of the complete plan. Commissioner Toner acknowledged Holly West, OCIO Public Information Officer, for her design and work on the plan.

**Commissioner Harvey moved to approve the Statewide Technology plan as presented. Commissioner Weir seconded. Roll call vote: Weir-Yes, Spray-Yes, Meininger-Yes, Harvey-Yes, Haack-Yes, and Toner-Yes. Results: Yes-6, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Commissioner Haack moved to adjourn. Commissioner Weir seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Meeting minutes were taken by Lori Lopez Urdiales and reviewed by the NITC Managers, Office of the CIO/NITC.